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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified new u.s. national Phase patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 4, 6, 7, and 10-17 with the revised version of those claims shown below:

4. An abrasive flap disc as claimed in claim 1, wherein the angle between the backing plate and each flap is in the range of approximately 20° to approximately 90°.

6. An abrasive flap disc as claimed in claim 1, wherein a centerline of each flap, which extends between its radially inner and outer edges, is substantially on a radius of the backing plate.